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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY FORCES

REF: 07 JERUSALEM 00101

¶1. The Department of State has reviewed its files and finds that as of January 18, 2008, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the members of the Presidential Guard listed in the referenced cables.

¶2. Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties: Consulate in Jerusalem verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the Presidential Guard members identified in refs A and B, per paragraph 1 above, as of this date. Please note request in para (3) below, however, for further vetting by post on one individual. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶3. The Department notes the following exception:

Mohammad K M Sawafta
POB: Jenin
DOB: 18 February 1980
ID: 906243019

The Department's search disclosed that on July 6, 2007 Mohammad Sawafta was arrested in the West Bank town of Tubas.

¶4. If in the future Post becomes aware of possible human rights violation by the individuals referenced above, Post should inform the Department and not proceed with the training.

¶5. Point of contact at the Department is Lynn Harris, NEA/IPA, 202-647-2647.
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